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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(As of 7:30 PM EST)

1. The return of surface calm to the Dominican Republic is permitting Caamano and his military followers to continue discussions with the President on the guarantees they are requesting for the followers they will leave behind. President Garcia Godoy is not ready to accept all of Caamano's proposals and several days of negotiations will probably be required to effect a meeting of minds.

2. Garcia Godoy appears ready to permit a transfer of the "constitutionalist" military from the 27 February camp to downtown Santo Domingo, until the reintegration process is completed. During this interim period, the men would be under the President's personal authority and protection.

3. The thorniest problem involved Caamano's demand that about 100 officers and men--who were not on active duty when the revolt broke out on 24 April--be included in the reintegration process. So far, Garcia Godoy is sticking by his earlier decision that these cases must be determined on their individual merits and not on a group basis. Privately, the President informed Ambassador Bunker that the majority of the group were separated from the armed forces for good reason and the President hopes to find them positions in civilian life. In regard to about 12 officers and a group of cadets, the President is more optimistic that they could be reintegrated successfully, but is unwilling to commit himself to their automatic reabsorption into the military.

4. An additional Caamano demand is that his followers--the self-designated Gregorio Luperon Brigade--

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be constituted as a separate unit in the armed forces until integration is effected. Garcia Godoy has not yet commented on this aspect of the problem. Any favorable decision on the subject would lead to strong objections from the regular military. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] The press reported today that Lachapelle Diaz may be given an attache post in Brussels. This would please the regular military and would probably be satisfactory to Caamano, who has expressed fear that his followers would be subject to retribution once he left the country.

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